

REMARKS

Editorial corrections have been made to the specification. Claims 1 - 2, 7, and 13 - 14 have been amended. Claim 6 has been cancelled from the application without prejudice. No new matter has been introduced with these corrections or amendments, all of which are supported in the specification as originally filed. Claims 1 - 5 and 7 - 14 remain in the application.

I. Claim Objection

Paragraph 3 of the Office Action dated November 18, 2004 (hereinafter, "the Office Action") states that Claim 7 is objected to because of an informality. Appropriate correction has been made herein, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw this objection.

II. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Paragraph 4 of the Office Action states that Claims 1, 2, and 10 - 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Malamud et al. (U.S. Pub. No. 20030142123). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Malamud teaches that his "pointer" is a cursor. See paragraph 0005, line 4, stating "the pointer (i.e., cursor)" -- note use of "i.e." rather than "e.g.". Applicants' claimed invention uses a "graphic previewer image" (independent Claim 1) or "previewer graphic" (independent Claims 2, 13, and 14), not a cursor.

In addition, Malamud teaches that his cursor is "position[ed] ... over at least a portion of

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one of the objects that are displayed” (para. 0005, lines 10 - 12; para. 0008, lines 8 - 9 and para. 0009, lines 2 - 4 are similar), and information is then “displayed in an information window adjacent to the cursor” (para. 0005, lines 15 - 16, emphasis added; para 0096, lines 3 - 4 are similar). By contrast, in Applicants’ claimed invention, a content preview is rendered “within the content-previewing portion” of a graphic previewer image or previewer graphic.

Malamud also reiterates, in para. 0042, lines 4 - 8, that his information pointer uses a “standard cursor”. (In particular, lines 4 - 8 state “Each information pointer has two portions: a pointing portion and an information portion. The pointing portion is actually a standard cursor ...”, emphasis added.) In para. 0044, lines 17 - 20, Malamud states that “a pictorial representation of the contents of the object” will be output “when the tip of a cursor arrow obscures a portion of the object” (emphasis added). Para. 0052, lines 9 and 10 use the term “conventional cursor arrow” when referring to Malamud’s information pointer.

Paragraphs 0065 - 0070 discuss Malamud’s “preview format” in more detail. Para. 0065 refers to “the cursor” pointing to an object (line 5). Paragraphs 0066 - 0070 each refer to “the tip of a cursor arrow”. (See lines 1 - 2 of para. 0066; line 4 of para. 0067; line 3 of para. 0068; lines 8 - 9 of para. 0069; and line 4 of para. 0070.) As noted earlier, Applicants’ claimed invention uses a “graphic previewer image” or “previewer graphic”, not a cursor.

Applicants thus respectfully submit that their independent Claims 1, 2, 13, and 14 are patentably distinct from Malamud. Dependent Claims 10 - 12 are therefore deemed patentable

over the reference as well, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the §102 rejection.

III. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Paragraph 5 of the Office Action states that Claims 3 and 5 - 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Malamud in view Petropoulos et al (U.S. Pub. No. 20030146939). Paragraph 6 of the Office Action states that Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Malamud et al. in view of Krause (U.S. Patent 6160554). Claim 6 has been cancelled from the application without prejudice. These rejections are respectfully traversed with respect to Claims 3 - 5 and 7 - 9.

As demonstrated above, Applicants' independent Claims 1, 2, 13, and 14 are patentably distinct from Malamud. Therefore, the cited references fail to render Applicants' dependent Claims 3 - 5 and 7 - 9 unpatentable when taken in combination (assuming, *arguendo*, that one of skill in the art would be motivated to attempt such combination, and that combination can be made).

Furthermore, Applicants note that Petropoulos teaches techniques that use a "mouse-over" approach. (See, for example, para. 0023, lines 7 - 8; para. 0037, lines 10 - 11; para. 0040, line 5; para. 0046, lines 5 - 6; para. 0054, lines 10 - 13; and para. 0057, line 1.) This is in contrast to Applicants' claimed approach, whereby a graphic previewer image or previewer graphic is positioned/dragged, rather than the cursor that is moved about when performing a

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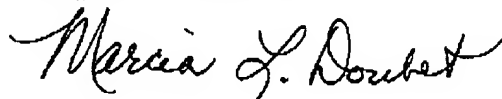
"mouse-over".

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that their dependent Claims 3 - 5 and 7 - 9 are patentable over the references. The Examiner is therefore respectfully requested to withdraw the §103 rejection.

IV. Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending rejected claims, withdrawal of all presently outstanding objections and rejections, and allowance of all remaining claims at an early date.

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